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SUMMARY: JAN 1 YOMIURI PRINTS WASHINGTON-BASED REPORT ON CIA ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN ALLEGING TWO EMBASSY STAFF MEMBERS ARE AGENTS. REPORT HAS NOT APPEARED IN OTHER PAPERS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN CASE FBIS TRANSMISSION OF FOLLOWING ARTICLE HAS NOT COME TO DEPT'S ATTENTION, WE QUOTE IT IN FULL.

BEGIN QUOTE:
CIA IS IN JAPAN, TOO; 60 TO 75 PERSONS STATIONED CONSTANTLY AT BASES, ETC.; DISCLOSED IN US
(WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 31, CORRESPONDENT TAKAHAMA) A PERSON CONNECTED WITH THE "FIFTH ESTATE," A PRIVATE AMERICAN ORGAN WHICH KEEPS WATCH OVER AND SURVEYS CIA INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES, DISCLOSED ON THE 31ST THAT THERE ARE FROM 60 TO 75 US CIA AGENTS, WHO ENGAGE IN SECRET INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING ACTIVITIES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, USING THE TITLES OF DIPLOMATS AND MILITARY OFFICERS AS DISGUISE, CONSTANTLY STATIONED AT THE US EMBASSY IN JAPAN AND AT US MILITARY FACILITIES IN THE SUBURBS OF TOKYO. TOKYO IS BEING REGARDED AS AN INTERNATIONAL CITY WHERE THE SPIES
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OF THE WORLD ENGAGE IN SECRET OPERATIONS, BUT THIS

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IS THE FIRST TIME FOR THE SCALE OF THE CIA TO BE
MADE PUBLIC. ITS SCALE IS GENERALLY SIMILAR TO THOSE
IN PARIS, TEL AVIV AND TAIPEI, AND IT IS OF A TOP-RANK
CLASS IN THE WORLD.

ACCORDING TO THE INVESTIGATIONS OF THE SAID
ORGAN, AMONG THE "60 TO 75" CIA AGENTS IN RELATIONS
WITH JAPAN, THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO AGENTS WHO SERVE
AT THE US EMBASSY IN JAPAN, MAINTAINING THEIR STATUS
AS DIPLOMATS. THE REMAINDER ARE ASSIGNED TO VARIOUS
US MILITARY BASES IN THE TOKYO METROPOLITAN AREA.

THE PROBLEM IS THE CONTENTS OF THEIR ACTIVITIES.
THEY ARE EXTREMELY WIDE IN SCOPE, INCLUDING NOT ONLY
INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING ACTIVITIES RELATED TO "THIRD
NATIONS," AS A MATTER OF COURSE, BUT ALSO THE MOVES
OF THE GOVERNMENT ORGANS AND MILITARY CIRCLES OF THE
HOST COUNTRY, THE STATE OF ACTIVITIES OF VARIOUS POLITICAL
PARTIES, AND STILL FURTHER, EVEN THE MOVEMENTS OF
LABOR UNIONS, STUDENT MOVEMENTS AND MASS MEDIA TRENDS.
ALMOST ALL AGENTS FOLLOW THE PATTERN OF BEING TRANSFERRED
TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AFTER SERVING AS RESEARCH
ANALYSTS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OR THE DEPARTMENTS
OF THE ARMY, THE NAVY AND THE AIR FORCE, AND ARE THEN
DISPATCHED ABROAD.

THE TWO "DIPLOMATS" AT THE US EMBASSY IN JAPAN,
WHOM THE "FIFTH ESTATE" REGARDS AS CIA AGENTS, ARE
MR. G (44 YEARS OLD), WHO IS ASSIGNED TO THE COMMERCIAL
SECTION AND WHO ARRIVED AT HIS POST IN 1974, AND
MR. F (36 YEARS OLD), WHO IS ASSIGNED TO THE POLITICAL
SECTION. IN THE CASE OF THESE TWO PERSONS, THEY
ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE REGULAR DIPLOMATS, AND ARE
DISPATCHED, WEARING A SPECIAL STATE DEPARTMENT TITLE
OF RESERVE DIPLOMATS (FSRO).
END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE ONLY REPORT OF ITS KIND TO
BE FOUND IN THE TOKYO JAPANESE LANGUAGE PRESS.
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